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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Jeffrey D. Arnett, et al.  
Title: SHOCK-RESISTANT AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SEALED CONTAINER  
Appl. No.: 09/689,001  
Filing Date: 10/12/2000  
Examiner: Steven M. Pollard  
Art Unit: 3727

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated 11/5/02, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for a one-month extension of time to make this response timely.

In the Office Action dated 11/5/02, the Examiner identified two inventions and required election of one of those inventions. In response, Applicant elects invention I, encompassing claims 1-12, and 24-26, with traverse.

Applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of time to allow timely response. A check for the fee (Small Entity) for that extension is enclosed. If any additional fee is due, or if the check is missing or in an incorrect amount, kindly charge or credit Deposit Account 50-0872 for the appropriate amount.

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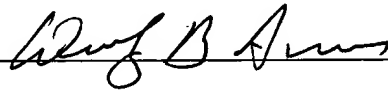
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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 11, 2002

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

[ X ] Applicants claims Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27.

[ X ] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for one month. A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed.

[ X ] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

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